

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below my name.

I believe that I am the original, and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SEQUENTIAL CRYSTALLIZATION AND ADSORPTIVE REFINING OF
TRIGLYCERIDE OILS**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, '119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

SERIAL NUMBER COUNTRY DATE FILED PRIORITY CLAIMED

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, '120 of any United States application(s), or '365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, '112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, '1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT APPLICATION NO.

PCT FILING DATE

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

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